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## Annual Saint Joseph's Lip Sync Contest Sees Good Turnout

by Ashley Pierce

Milli Vanilli, move over! Saint Joseph's annual Lip Sync contest, sponsored by the Student Union Board, was held on October 29 and had an impressive turnout.

Many scheduled acts cancelled, but the members of SUB and the performers were still able to have an entertaining and fun show for all. There were a total of six acts, and all were full of energy. Seniors Chad Novak and Jen Palecek, Masters of Ceremony for the event, kept the crowd's enthusiasm up all night.

Performing "Hanging Tough" by New Kids on the Block, Seniors J.B. Lind and Scott Moore, Junior Charlie Schalliol, and Sophomores Erich Hitzeman and Craig Redman took first place. Taking second place was the group composed of Sophomores Varon Cantrell and Dana Collins and Freshmen Desmond Fletcher, Boe Washington and Chris Wright, performing to "Bad Mama-Jama" by Dru Hill and Foxy Brown. Other lip sync acts included the songs "Staying Alive," "One Fine Day" and "Just My Baby's Daddy".

Judging the event were professors Fred Berger and Susan Chattin. Student judges included Seniors Charles Bowling and Sherry London, Junior Jason Retzlaff, Sophomore Kristin Dariotis, and Freshman Cindy Hutchinson.

The contest was a success, and everyone who participated had great fun. "I think Lip Sync was great. There was a big audience turn-out. I only

The New Kids on the Block sweep Lip Sync.

wish that we could have more participation in the show. Lip Sync would have been longer and more entertaining," commented Jamie Portal, SUB's Co-director of Special Events.



### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Big Screen Film

The film "Men in Black" will be shown in the Science auditorium November 13 and 14. The event is sponsored by SUB.

#### Comedy Club

Vic Henley will be performing at the Core XI Comedy Club on November 17 at 8:00 pm. It will be a non-alcoholic night and admission is free.

#### Thanksgiving Break

Break will begin Friday, November 21 and classes will resume Monday, December 1. The residence halls will be closed during the week.

#### Special Mass Planned

The Rite of Reception into the Catechumenate will be held at the 9:00 pm Mass on November 16 in the Chapel.

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## SJC Forensics Team Competes in Missouri

by Becky Johnson

This past weekend the Saint Joseph's Forensics Team travelled to the "Missouri Swing" tournaments at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Webster University. The University of Missouri-St. Louis tournament was held on Friday October 31 and Saturday November 1, and the Webster Tournament was held on Sunday, November 2. The team finished twenty-second out of twenty-eight teams.

Saint Joseph's was represented by six members of the team at the University of Missouri - St. Louis tournament and by three members at the Webster tournament. The small number of competitors from Saint Joseph's put the team overall at a disadvantage since other schools brought ten to twenty competitors each. Previously, the team was taking an average of sixteen competitors to each tournament. "But because this tournament fell on Halloween weekend, we were not able to send out as many team members as with previous tournaments," com-

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## Core XI Closed For Disciplinary Action

by Julia Garcia

On October 27 and 29, Core XI was closed by Student Affairs due to several incidents. Ernest Watson, Director of Campus Security, reports that a few Core XI members had been urinating in the hallways of the basement outside of the bar. In addition, Watson reports that some members of Core XI had attended sporting events during Little Sibs Weekend after having visited the bar and displayed poor sportsmanship, as they yelled obscenities at the opposing players.

"I understand that the bartenders can't control others, but as members, a certain level of respect is necessary... Core XI is a privilege not a right," stated Watson. The fact that the actions of a few people can close down a favorite gathering place for the twenty-one and older crowd on campus has alarmed many members. "I think it is quite unfair that a few people can ruin it for the rest of us... why can't people just be more responsible and

act like twenty-one year olds, like adults?" stated Kristin Brown, Core XI member.

Watson has proposed a management idea for Core XI which has been seriously considered by the bartenders. Since Core XI is an exclusive club, it has the authority to regulate itself. Watson suggests that the bartenders set up a committee board that would have the power to regulate the activities of the bar and its members. The bartenders have in fact considered the idea, and there are plans to set up a committee for next semester. "Rather than having security deal with an issue, the committee can deal with it and with the members directly," stated Elizabeth Sawyer, Core XI bartender. Although the details of the committee have not been established, Sawyer states that the members of Core XI could be reprimanded through a possible suspension of membership if they cannot behave as responsible adults.





\*Correction\* In the last issue of The Observer, it was stated that Rob Thiel formed the band. He did not form the band. He took over as Band Director.



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# Registering for classes: *A bittersweet farewell*

by DeAnn Hazzard

I began this year with a heavy heart realizing that this is the last year that I will directly be a part of Saint Joe. It's the last time that I will live in a dorm, the last time that I will eat in the cafeteria, the last time I will be able to roll out of bed five minutes before class and arrive in my pajamas, and it's the last time that I will probably see some of my closest friends on a regular basis. The real world is calling me. My career as an official Saint Joe college student will be coming to an end faster than I will ever be able to comprehend.

This is probably the last time that I will have the opportunity to complain about some paper I have to write and then stay up all night finishing it. It will probably be the last time that midnight runs to Trail Tree will fit into my schedule. And it is definitely the last time that I can take that ever so needed nap in the middle of the day. I don't think an employer will look too kindly on me if I pass out at my desk for about an hour.

This is the year for a lot of lasts, and it will be hard to say goodbye. But of course there are always some things that I will not miss--like registering for classes.

That handy dandy blue book that appears under your door pretty much contains absolute frustration. You flip through the lists of classes and times and try to figure out how you can devise a schedule that lets you sleep in with no classes on Friday. (I can still dream, can't I?) I have to admit though, that the overall frustration of registering for classes does not really center around classes in my major or minor. It is dead-centered on core!

I open my trusty blue book, figure out my required classes, and then I attack core. Which means that I have to create about 5 different schedules because the time I have been so randomly chosen to register is basically after the entire free world. And I ask myself everytime I pick out a core teacher, why bother? Why do I get my hopes up about core? Either my chosen core class is already closed before I get there or closes with the person in front of me! (It's happened before!)

And right now, I have twenty minutes before the last time I will ever register. Will I be triumphant or will I be shut out of my first choice for core? I'll let your know...ah, registering for classes, a bittersweet farewell.

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## Forensics Team

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mented Forensics Coach Maureen Minielli. The six who competed at the University of Missouri - St. Louis were Matthew Allen, Phil Dietrich, Caryn Frangella, Richard Gallo, Kelley Gandurski, and Blair Van Velse.

The forensics team is only in its third year, and the competition included teams that have been established ten to twenty years. There were a total of twenty-eight schools from sixteen states competing at the tournaments, including several top twenty national teams. Minielli noted that other schools present included the United States Air Force Academy, Illinois State University, Clemson University, University of Florida, Southern Utah University, Willamette (OR) University, University of Colorado, and Bradley (IL) University, the #1 team in the nation. "The competition was a lot more steep than I thought. I learned many diverse styles," commented Matthew Allen.

Blair Van Velse received an Excellence Award for finishing in the top thirty percent in impromptu competition, which had over seventy

competitors. He barely missed the chance to compete in the semifinal round.

"The competition was incredibly tough! We received invaluable experience going to these two tournaments and it will help us prepare for nationals in April," stated Minielli.

This weekend the team will travel to Owensboro Kentucky Community College for another tournament. Coach Minielli expects the competition to be smaller because most of the schools competing are from Kentucky.

## Extraordinist Craig Karges Amazes

by William Shannon

Mystery, mirth and merriment tinged the cool air on the Saint Joseph's College campus on Tuesday, November 4th. What caused this supernatural occurrence was the visit of renowned mentalist entertainer Craig Karges. Billed as an "extraordinist," Karges put on his show for Saint Joseph's student body.

Karges is nationally known, and he has appeared on television several times. He, according to his literature, has appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Larry King Live, CNN Headline News, Lifetime Television, CNBC, The Nashville Network, UPN and E! Television. In most of these appearances, the

audience has been impressed by the performance.

Karges gave a short demonstration of his mental acumen in the cafeteria of Saint Joseph's during the dinner hour. Spoons were bent and minds were read. This was but a preview to the real attraction that was to take place later that evening.

A sizeable crowd turned out for the performance. Karges, as part of his act, performs mind-reading, telepathy, telemetry, and other forms of mental manipulation. The audience present was suitably impressed with the performance, including the lifting of a table mentally. Karges and his show provided an interesting interlude during the routine of the week here on campus.

## Annual Justin / Halas Christmas Dance Planning Underway

by Peggy McLeish

The planning for the annual Justin and Halas sponsored Christmas Dance has recently begun. The dance will be held on December 13, tentatively from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am. This year the dance will experience some changes, but there is much optimism for its success.

One positive change is the anticipated lowering of the prices of tickets for the dance. Ticket prices are expected to be \$7.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. This is a considerable cutback from

the prices charged for last year's dance. Tickets will go on sale November 17 until the dance and will be available at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Stephanie Witkemper, Justin West 114; Peg McLeish, Halas 220; and Rob Burns, Merlini 102. Flyers announcing these locations will be posted November 12.

The location of the dance has been changed from the traditional area of the Halleck ballroom to the lower level of Halleck. The dance will occupy the entire area

from the stairs leading down into the lower level, in front of Core XI, and behind the band room. The reason for the location change was due to lack of availability of the Halleck ballroom for the desired date. This has not previously been a problem because there are usually more than two weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks.

Admission to Core XI will be open to those 21 years of age and older with the purchase of tickets to the dance. The security restrict-

ing entrance into Core XI has been a serious concern, however. Identification will be necessary at the door of Core XI for admission. Drinks will be allowed to be carried out to the dance floor, but there will be frequent security checks during the dance to ensure that those underage do not possess alcohol. Arrangements are being made between Stephanie Witkemper, Justin Governor, and Ernest Watson for those members of Core XI who do not wish to attend the dance but to go to Core XI that evening.

## Lawn Shop Adds a New Employee to Help Brighten Up Campus

by Natalie Berenda

If you put all the flower beds together on campus, they would equal an area about the size of a football field. Now that is a great deal of landscaping to take care of.

Many compliments have been paid to the campus lawns and landscaping this semester. This praise is well deserved. There is much work that the Lawn Shop does that many are probably not aware of. For instance, the crew painted at least 100 athletic fields this summer and fall. That is about 1,500 gallons of mixed paint.

With so many different areas on campus to cover, Lawn Shop Foreman Steve Lanoue was happy to add Diane Gilbert to his crew. Gilbert was hired last March to work mainly with the flowers. Lanoue and Gilbert agreed that the extra time spent on the flower beds has set the rest of the campus off. "We have highlighted the flower beds

but there is more in the planning around the Halleck Deck and the Core Building," Lanoue stated.

"I think it was unfair to the Lawn Shop to have to keep up with the mowing and landscaping at the same time. They are busy all day long and did not have the time to take care of all of the landscaping," Gilbert explained. Gilbert's assistance has given Lanoue and the rest of the staff more time to do the work they need to get done. Lanoue has four full time people on his staff and two students. "I think to keep improving as we are, we need another person to work with flowers and maybe another for the grounds," Lanoue said.

Lanoue, who has worked in the Lawn Shop for eighteen years, has enjoyed his job, as well as working with Gilbert. "I have had good times working with the students and with most of the

employees," he stated. "I think the kids have been really great this year. They respect my work and are friendly," Gilbert added.



photo by Jenny Palecek  
Diane Gilbert works on beautifying the campus with flowers and other landscaping work.



## In Her Own Words: P.K. Mathew Administrative Assistant

by Becky Johnson

P.K. Mathew is one of the many dedicated and hard-working employees at Saint Joe. Mathew is Administrative Assistant to Bill Manis, Vice-President for Student Affairs. She has a hectic work schedule and many duties that most students do not even realize are necessary.

"The first thing I do in the morning is grab a steamy cup of coffee followed by the other necessities--checking the e-mail and voice mail, and tackling yesterday's unfinished projects. I then basically begin to check the priorities. This is how my

Puma workday starts out.

"Basically, the Student Activities committee and other individuals, including myself, are in charge of all events outside the classroom at Saint Joe. Students are in the classroom 8-15 percent of the time--which leaves a lot of time for outside events.

"My tasks include the handling of paperwork for many areas, such as the student judicial system and its documentation. While working for Manis, I take care of his business and travel schedule, phone calls, business accounts, budgeting, etc.

"I also organize Judicial Affairs Officer Ernest

Watson's schedule.

"Amy Black, my assistant, is a major help to me and so many others in the way that she works right along with what has to be done.

"During a regular day, I am the primary operator of the student ID system for employees, students and Core XI members. I orchestrate reservations for Schwietermann and Lake Banet--not to mention summer conferencing and campus events.

"I often forget what life without work is all about. Another personal goal for me is to find a FUN lifestyle and keep my working skills sharp."

## Wedding Notebook

### Several Pumas are Engaged to be Married

by Karri Starkman

It seems that Cupid has pointed his arrow at some Saint Joseph's College students lately. There are quite a few happy people walking around planning their weddings after graduation. One such person is Kathrynne Braun, a senior, who has been dating her fiance Glen Skonicki for seven years.

Their wedding date has been set for August 1, 1998, and the ceremony will be held at the Saint Joseph's College chapel on campus. Despite having the date set,

Kathy and Glen still need to find a photographer and a cake.

Another happy couple walking around campus is Peg McLeish and Brad Gellert. They have officially set a date for June 6, 1998. Peg and Brad have been engaged since Labor Day this year.

Peg has been busy buying her dress and her bridesmaids' dresses. Peg and Brad hope to finalize their plans before second semester since they know that their last semester will be hectic.

Cynthia Stanko is happily engaged as well. She is planning her future with Steve Wright, a Saint Joseph's alumni. They were engaged last Christmas, but they do not have a definite date set as of yet.

Some other Saint Joseph's students who are engaged are: Angela Davidson, Ashley Pierce and Brad Mitchell, Vicki Jaroszewski, Cathy Wilson, Becky Fogg, Jeremy White, and Amber Dossett. Congratulations and good luck to all those students planning their weddings!

## Outta Site

by Heidi Jugovic

Recommended Sites:  
www.nasa.gov, www.fbi.gov

Welcome to the era of big government. Uncle Sam seems to be sticking his nose into the everyday lives of Americans more and more often. He has even attempted to regulate the internet (i.e. censor it).

But even this nosy giant understands the value that the internet has. How do I know this? Because many government agencies have their own web sites.

The surprising thing is that these sites are actually fascinating, informative, and well-designed. My two favorite government agency sites are for NASA and the FBI. If you have a couple spare minutes to spend online, you must check out these sites.

NASA's site gives information on its many projects, but the best part of this site is the pictures. NASA offers entire photogalleries of pictures from satellites and various missions.

The resolution is incredible, and if you have a computer in your room, these pictures make great wallpaper (How? Just click on the picture with your right mouse button and select "set as wallpaper" from the menu that pops up).

If you have even the tiniest bit of curiosity about police work, if you ever loved a detective show, or if "America's Most Wanted" was the least bit interesting to you, you will love the FBI's web site.

Ignore the cheesy picture of the eagle that pops up when you see the home page. Go to the icons (for the less computer literate, that's a little picture you can click on) at the bottom of the screen.

Now dive in. Here you can check out the pictures and profiles of the FBI's ten most wanted fugitives. You can help track down missing children. You can learn about the FBI academy and how agents are trained.

Up-to-date information on current cases is a click away. Learn about everything from the investigation on cemetery desecration in Hawaii to the investigation of the tobacco industries.

The only sore part of the FBI site is the area that offers Freedom of Information Act case files. Unless you want to take the trouble to download extra software, all you can view online is summaries. Too bad. Some of the files are very tantalizing. You have to wonder what the FBI has to say about Elvis that takes up over 600 pages...



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## On The Record: Favorite Cartoon Characters

"Smurfette, because she is so feminine. Also, she was such a horny little blue elf."--Beth Eikenberry, Freshman.

"Underdog, Because he gets all the chicks."--Marco Maggiore, Senior

"My favorite would have to be the X-Men or the Garboyles because I like the detail they have in their cartoons. I just like mutant things like that."--Amber Chamberlin, Sophomore

"Chief Wigam. He's successful at his job, and he doesn't know what he is doing."--Chris Heide, Senior

"Scooby-Doo. He eats Scooby Snacks and he is friends with Shaggy!"--Brett Berndt, Senior

"My favorite cartoon character is Beaker from the Muppet Babies because he is cute and his voice is funny."--Nicole Kappler, Sophomore

"My favorite cartoon charac-

ter is Garfield. Sure he is a little corny, but what the hell does the fat cat do all day? Nothing! He is the one and only pimp cat."--Jennifer Holliday, Freshman

"My favorite cartoon character is Lion-O from the Thundercats [because] he is the only name I remember from that cartoon, which is the best cartoon of our time."

--Maurice Brown, Sophomore



# Berger Attends Conference in L.A.

by Heather Hagan

Tour guides during the frequent Puma Discovery Days often boast to prospective SJC students of the talented and experienced faculty Saint Joe has to offer.

Contributing to this excellent reputation, communications professor Fred Berger is currently spending five days in Los Angeles attending the Tenth Annual Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation Faculty Seminar.

Berger was one of 18 professors in the country to be chosen to attend this prestigious event. Other schools being represented include Harvard University, University of Colorado, Northwestern University, and University of North Carolina.

Berger has been taking occasional trips to L.A. for ten years now. In the past, he has attended various media workshops, sometimes even taking students along with him.

"I have known people at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for several years," Berger said. "I met the director of education programs at a conference, and he encouraged me to apply."

Upon hearing of his selection as one of the honored faculty members, Saint Joe of-

fered to help fund Berger's trip. Through development funding, which is set aside for these types of activities, the college was able to pay for Berger's hotel accommodations and airline ticket.

While in L.A., Berger is participating in a full schedule, which includes meeting with television writers and producers, touring a special effects studio, attending a working production meeting at Viacom, visiting the set of "The Bold and the Beautiful" and "The Young and the Restless," and having dinner with the Vice President of The Discovery Channel.

One of the activities which Berger was most looking forward to was his meeting with Jeff Cole, an expert on media violence. Cole is a member of the UCLA Center for Communication Policy. He has helped to produce two reports dealing with television violence and is currently working on a third report.

"This research has led to the television ratings system as well as the v-chip. The center also monitors every hour of television," Berger explained.

Using the information

gained from this meeting, along with his previous knowledge of media violence, Berger will be giving a lecture on this subject to students in Core 1 later this month.

Along with the personal benefits Berger will gain from this trip, he also feels that it will greatly benefit his students.

"These kinds of trips are helpful to my students because it gives me the chance to teach TV production to them after I've seen what really goes on in Hollywood," Berger said. "This is just a natural continuation of the things I like to do and have been doing for the last ten years."

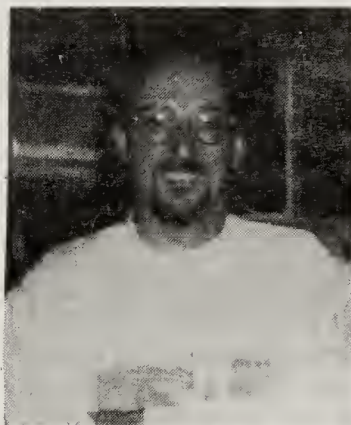


photo by Rachel Barlage

**Fred Berger is participating in a television seminar in L.A. from November 11 through the 15th.**

## Core 1 Students are Exposed to the Vietnam War in a Powerful Dramatic Performance

by Lisa Phillips

The Vietnam Conflict became a bit more real to some Core 1 students this semester when a regular core lecture turned into a blast from the past. Vietnam veteran, playwright, and author, Fred Leo Brown was the guest lecturer for the discussion of Vietnam this year.

A play was staged on October 30, with the help of John Rahe, director of Core 1 and

**"I saw people leaving lecture with tears in their eyes, and that doesn't happen very often in any class."**

--Professor Bill Massoels

head of the theatre department. Actors included Brown, two other Vietnam veterans, and SJC's own Columbian Players.

The play was based on the "horror, confusion, rage, sorrow, and even beauty that [Brown] experienced while in the jungles of Vietnam," said Senior Matthew Owens, of the Columbian Players.

"[It] made some of us reconsider our distant, know-it-all condemnations of a situation that we do not really know that much about," Owens added.

The organizer of this event, Bill Massoels, said that

Brown's play showed all aspects of a soldier's life and helped students understand the realities of war. The intent was to make people consider the Vietnam war, not just as a historical event, but as something that profoundly affects us all.

The play received a positive response from students and faculty alike. "I thought it did a good job of conveying to students some of the emotional flavor of the Vietnam War era," remarked Professor Greg Diamond, who is tackling Core 1 for the first time this semester.

"I thought that the presentation and the subsequent question and answer session was quite good and provided insights into the Vietnam war that are not always as understandable when you read about them," commented Rahe.

"[The play] helped us to understand war by providing a little touch of what a man's day was like while he was at war," says Freshman Heidi Wieland.

Massoels is very satisfied with the results of the lecture and hopes to do something similar next year. "I saw people leaving lecture with tears in their eyes, and that doesn't happen very often in any class."

## Ask Arnie

Dear Arnie,

I am a freshman and I have a major problem. My roommate and I get along all right, but I don't want to room with her next semester. We have totally different schedules, we like different kinds of music, we don't have any of the same interests, and we don't have any mutual friends.

I really want to room with one of my good friends, but I am afraid to tell my roommate that I want to move out because I don't want to hurt her feelings. I am also afraid that

she will not have anyone to room with next semester if I move out. How can I tell her what I want to do without upsetting her?

--Confused Freshman

Dear Confused,

Your freshman year is all about meeting new people and making new friendships. It is perfectly understandable that you have made new friends and want to spend time with them.

If you think you would be happier rooming with some-

one else, the best thing to do is to tell your roommate as soon as possible. That way she will have time to look for a new roommate as well.

Don't wait until the day before room changes to tell her. Be open, honest and direct about the whole thing. Explain to her that you would both be happier rooming with someone that you have more in common with. Good Luck!

--Arnie

Send letters to Ask Arnie at Post Office Box 2225 or put them in The Observer box in the Core building.

## Get Ready to Rake and Run!

by Rachel Barlage

The Student Volunteer Corps' (SVC) annual Rake and Run project is set to take place from Monday, November 17 through Thursday, November 20. This event has long been one of Saint Joe's favorite ways to get involved in the community, meet new people and get out and have some fun in the beautiful fall weather.

Students participating in Rake and Run go to the homes of elderly residents of Rensselaer who are no longer able to rake their own yards

and rake for them. The elderly appreciate the help, and students always have a good time.

This year, there are 14 yards to be raked, and students will be picked up and dropped off outside of the Campus Ministry office every hour. Monday's hours are 12-5, Tuesday and Wednesday 12-4, and Thursday 2-5. There is a sign-up sheet outside of the Campus Ministry office, but drop-ins are welcome. For further details, call Jenny Palecek at ext. 8118.



## Football Team Attempts to Finish Season Successfully

by Kevin Collins

Saturday, November 8, 1997 marked the final home game of the season for the Puma football team as they hosted the Chargers of the University of New Haven, Connecticut.

This also marked Senior Day at Saint Joseph's College. For eight Puma seniors this meant their final opportunity to play on Alumni Stadium's field in front of the home crowd. The senior representation for the Pumas included Brian Outlaw, Aaron Butler, Joseph Strowder, Scott Moore, Marty Corley, Reggie Edwards, Reggie Stevenson, Carl Voltaire, and JB Lind. Prior to the game these seniors were recognized along with the people who have helped them reach this stage in their lives, their parents.

"I am very glad that I had the opportunity to play with

such a great group of guys, and although we're not having the season that everyone hoped for, we can still have a winning season by beating Butler," Strowder stated.

Saturday's game was the first ever between the Chargers and the Pumas. Both teams are NCAA Division II independents. The Pumas came into the game knowing they would have their work cut out for them. The New Haven Chargers, at 8-1, were coming to Alumni Field ranked second in the nation in NCAA Division II football. Under second year head coach Tony Sparano, they had a two game winning streak which included a 38-0 blanking of the University of Lafayette.

The Pumas, at 5-4, under the tutelage of first year head coach Tom Riva, were also coming off a win as they had traveled to Kentucky

Wesleyan College for a 37-31 victory.

Although we're not having the season that everyone hoped for, we can still have a winning season by beating Butler.

Saint Joseph's started the game strong and looked to have little trouble moving the ball against the Chargers, as they took a 7-0 lead. The good start did not indicate how the game would end.

Unfortunately, the Pumas hurt themselves by turning the ball over, which allowed New Haven to capitalize and put points on the board. The Puma defense grew tired after being on the field so much, and this allowed the Chargers

to run up the score and win by the convincing margin of 56-14.

On the more positive side of the coin, the Pumas will have a chance to do something very rare. They will have the opportunity to produce back to back winning seasons as they travel to Butler University this Saturday November 15. Last year the team finished with a 9-2 record. That record gave the Pumas the most wins ever in a single season. While the Pumas are currently 5-5 this season, Corley is extremely confident of a win this Saturday.

"I am very happy that I am playing football here at SJC and I guarantee that we will win this weekend to finish over 500."

The game against Butler will be the last game of the season for the Pumas. It will start at 12:30pm CST.

## On Track... Volleyball Team Ends Season

by Mindy Kever

The Saint Joseph's volleyball team finished their home season by defeating Saint Francis of Fort Wayne in all three games: 15-4, 15-3, and 15-1. The team had a record of 14-13 as they headed out last weekend for their final three road matches. Losing all three matches on the road left the team with a season end record of 14-16.

Even though they did not do as well as they had hoped, overall the team feels this was a successful season.

The team's focus this year was defense. To the volleyball players this would refer to such terms as digging balls, serve receive, and passing.

"We pride ourselves in defense," Sophomore Jill Stevens said.

One of the goals of the team was to make it to the conference tournament. Even though this was not reached, there were still many positive aspects about the season.

"We were on fire at the beginning of the season and we were beating teams we were not supposed to beat," Senior Kami Conlon stated.

The team started their season off very well, but they have seen a lot of disappointment in the last month. They expected to finish strong last weekend. Even though they did not do as well as they hoped, they still saw improvement by winning twice as many games as last year's season.

Since the team is so young, there will be a lot of returning players, including five starters. The team is looking forward to a successful season next year.

"We are still a young team, only losing one senior, so the outlook for next year is very good," Junior Angie Moster stated.

## Women's Soccer Team Reaches Their Destination

by Eric Schneider

The Saint Joseph's women's soccer team has fought long and hard, and now their time has come. The NCAA National Tournament is just around the corner, and the lady Pumas are ready to go for it.

"We are really confident right now," Senior forward Carrie Zolper stated. "We know we must play well to reach our goals."

With a 16-4-2 record behind them the team is gearing up for the NCAA Division II Women's National Championship which will

begin this Saturday, November 15.

We have our goal and we want to reach it. We know we can do it.

Reaching the big show has been a goal since the first kick-off of the 1997 campaign. The veterans on the team know what to expect in the post-season because last

year they traveled to the Division II finals. Although they have lost nine players from last year's season, the team has done what has been necessary to be successful this season.

"This year is a lot different from last year," Senior midfielder Jessica Beckemeier remarked. "We have new girls working into the system. We have worked hard all year to really complete this team," she added.

The lady Pumas winning streak was broken last Saturday November 8, during a night game when Oakland

University stunned them 3-1. It was the last game of the season and in most cases it would have been a downer, especially since the loss was on Senior Night. But in fact, the opposite is true.

"The loss was good for us," Zolper said. "It reminded us what it was like to lose. It has been a long time since we've lost, and it's helped us remember how much we hate it," she added.

"It gave us motivation to work harder. We have our goal and we want to reach it. We know we can do it," Beckemeier added.

## Intramural Volleyball Matches Up On the Courts

by Jamie Riberto

The intramural volleyball teams are hitting the courts this week. This year there are four women's teams, six men's teams, and seven co-ed teams. Each team will only play the others in their divi-

sion.

The games will be played in the recreation center at eight and nine on Mondays, seven, eight, and nine on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The games will be played for three weeks except for the

week before finals. This week will be designated for the play-off matches. The top four teams from each division will play that week to determine the intramural champions.

Rachel Hempel is in

charge of organizing the games. Some rules this year state that two of the three games per match must be won in order to win the match, and each game will be played to fifteen points, with the winner winning by two.



## Senior Bill Gill Makes Goals for Saint Joseph's and for Life

by Jamie Riberto

Senior Bill Gill has done it all. He holds the record for most goals in a season, with 16 during his freshman season, and he broke Coach Minelli's point and goal record with 39 goals and 95 points.

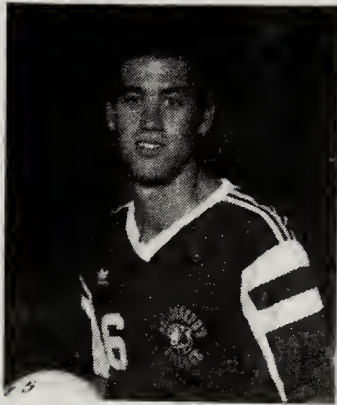
Bill is from Crown Point where he attended Crown Point High School. He has one younger sister, Stephanie. He gives credit for his soccer success to his mom, who has been at every game possible.

"I admire my mom because of everything she has done for me and my sister, and for all the things she has given up for my sister and I. She is my best friend."

Bill chose to attend Saint Joseph's because he knew he would be able to make an impact.

"I knew I could make an impact on the soccer team right away and I didn't want to sit on the bench for four years."

Bill has been playing soccer since he was four, and was a starting forward on the Saint Joseph's soccer team during his four season college soccer career. He has been an



important attribute to the team. Some of his honors at Saint Joseph's include all conference freshman year and all academic conference all four years.

Bill enjoys the sport of soccer because he is part of a team.

"I enjoy soccer because I am part of a team, even when we are not doing good we still have fun. It is just a game."

Bill claims that if he could have tried to succeed at another sport it would have been football.

"My friends in high school said I was really fast," he explained.

The best game Bill has ever played personally while at Saint Joseph's was during his junior year season

against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, which was ranked fifteenth in the nation at the time. The Pumas were able to hold them to a final score of 1-1. Bill did not have a goal or an assist during that game, but he did all the other things he had to do.

"I played the way I was supposed to and so did everyone else," he stated.

Bill is not only an athlete, but he is involved in other campus activities as well. He has taken part in intramurals, he was a member of the accounting finance club, and he is a tutor for accounting.

Outside of school, Bill has many hobbies. Some of these include golf, volleyball and listening to music. In addition to these, he is a dedicated Chicago Bulls fan and a new truck owner.

Bill is an accounting finance major and is working on an internship in Indianapolis next semester at KB Parish and Company. His future plans are to have a family and be successful at his job. His biggest goal is to build a sports bar from scratch in Rensselaer within

the next ten years.

Despite all of Bill's success, he has experienced his share of injuries. The most serious injury he had was during his junior year when he tore two ligaments, yet he finished the season. It was after that season that his ankle started to give him pain. He spent a lot of his time at the end of his junior year in the training room and had surgery this past summer.

**Bill was not only a vocal team leader on the field, but was also integral in his leadership qualities off the field.**

"My ankle injury upset me because it was so severe. There were times I wanted to give up, but the possibility of coming back to play again made me try even harder," he said.

He feels that the men's soccer team improved greatly this season.

"Our attitudes were a total change from last year," he explained. "We would walk into games last year thinking we could not win. This year we walked into games thinking we can win this game, so let's do it!"

Through his success, Bill has always been grateful for his team.

"I couldn't do the things and achieve the success I have had without everyone else," he stated.

His teammates agree that Bill is a great player and a leader among the team.

"Bill's ability to motivate others around him, his leadership skills, his courageous ability to play through pain, and his all out determination made him a serious force to be reckoned with," Senior captain Tom Williams commented. "Bill could be compared to Pete Rose with his 'Charlie Hustle' drive to succeed...he never quit. Bill's ball skill and tactical knowledge of soccer were sound. Bill was not only a vocal team leader on the field, but was also integral in his leadership qualities off the field," Williams added.

## SPORTS SHORTS Intramural Update

### Football Playoffs Finish Their Field Time

by Jamie Riberto

As the winter draws near, intramural football is coming to an end. The women's intramural teams finished their season with the two best teams facing each other in the championship game on Monday, November 3. Six Pack, who went undefeated all season, defeated the Halas Corrupters 18-0.

Consisting of mainly softball players, Six Pack has been the football intramural champion for three

years.

Six Pack player, Junior Sarah Klusek felt that the season was competitive. "It was a really competitive season. All the teams showed effort in their play. We had a lot of fun and the Six Pack team has been able to keep its championship reign for three years now."

The men's intramural play-offs are taking place currently this week. The Sickdudes will play Noll on Wednesday, and MOB will

play Southpark on Thursday. The winners of each game will play for the championship.

The records thus far this season are Noll with 8-0, MOB with 6-2, Southpark with 3-5, Sickdudes with 2-6, and DSB with 1-7.

Last week Noll beat MOB 20-16.

Senior William O'Donovan felt that Noll got lucky.

"Noll beat the MOB on a last second fluke."



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## Speak of the Devil: an Observer Movie Review

by Donald Shanahan

The seasons of nature usually cycle the kinds of movies in the theaters. Summer stands for big budget blockbusters. Winter and spring host the drama, romance, and holiday movies. Fall is home for the grim and gritty, suspenseful Oscar hopefuls. This is where we separate the men of fall from the boys of summer. *Devil's Advocate* is no exception. Coming in a season full of violent and psychological thrill-trips like *Kiss the Girls*, *The Game*, *U-Turn*, and *The Edge*, *Devil's Advocate* is in that class only with a surprisingly new and daring twist. It mixes religion and evil with the justice and law of today.

The story surrounds an up-and-coming Florida lawyer, Kevin Lomax, played by a southern-accented Keanu Reeves of *Speed*. Kevin has never lost a case in Gainesville, Florida as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. He has a gorgeous wife, Mary Ann (Charlize Theron from *Trial and Error* and *Two Days in the Valley*), and a supportive family. Enter Milton, Chadwick and Watters Attorneys from New York City. A representative of the monstrous law firm has observed Kevin and likes what he sees. The representative, helped by first class living arrangements and a huge salary proposal, convinces Kevin and Mary Ann to move to the Big Apple.

It is here that Kevin meets his new boss, John Milton (the ever devious Al Pacino). Milton is secretive, highly intelligent, suave, and a real creepy customer. His quarters and offices are large stone chambers adorned with large

fireplaces and dark angelic sculptures. Milton and his partners have their own law firm stretching over twenty countries and all live in the same Park Avenue high rise. Kevin gets used to his big city life and continues his winning streak. Milton watches him like a hawk and offers Kevin opportunities that no other lawyer before him has received. For Kevin there are elegant cocktail parties, lucrative cases, seductive women, and strange temptations from Milton that keep him away from home and Mary Ann. Mary Ann, meanwhile, never sees her busy husband and is always left in her cavernous apartment alone. She has bad dreams, nightmares, and goes crazy over the isolation of being away from Kevin.

Temptation upon temptation, seduction after seduction, Kevin virtually becomes a different person through Milton. He cannot see the control Milton has and how much trouble there is at home. Soon, he too has strange visions, feelings, and encounters.

Little does he know that it is not his job that is driving him insane; it's something bigger. It is John Milton, the head partner and his boss who is actually something truly evil and treacherous. He is Satan Himself. Yes, I'm talking about the Devil. That revelation alone is just the beginning of the battle that lies ahead for Kevin Lomax.

*Devil's Advocate* is by far, in my opinion, the creepiest movie of the year. That same day, I saw the slasher flick, *I Know What You Did Last*

*Summer*. I thought that *Devil's Advocate* was far creepier and mysterious than the violence and surprise of the other movie. Nothing boggles or frightened me as much as a character like John Milton. Every time the camera looked in his eyes or every time he smiled it made me shiver.

It is a real credit to Al Pacino. No actor in Hollywood could pull off such a frightening, seductive, and evil role as John Milton. Not even Robert DeNiro of *Cape Fear*, Anthony Hopkins of *The Silence of the Lambs*, or Kevin Spacey of *Seven*. None of those characters screw with your head more than Pacino's Milton. His devilish demeanor and words made this movie. This role, along with his mob man Lefty in *Donnie Brasco*, should guarantee at least one Oscar nomination this year. He is that good. Keanu Reeves was surprisingly good, also. Despite his teenage kid rocker image and reputation, this was a grown-up and solid performance from Reeves, even with a really bad southern accent.

I highly recommend this movie to anyone who likes a large scale cat and mouse game, a God versus man struggle, or the great Al Pacino. Like I said before, he is that good. This movie has its strange parts and creepy ideas, but it is the struggle of the characters and the great performances that make this movie a really good one. I give it the full four stars. Now drop this paper, hop in somebody's car and go see it. If you don't you'll go to hell! (Just kidding)

## Poetry by Sarah Martin

### Forlorn

I sat and I listened  
and I heard what you said,  
though within seconds,  
it filtered out of my head.  
I began to remember  
that long ago time  
when you thought I was  
yours  
and I thought you were  
mine.  
"I love you and need you  
and will always stay."  
I had thought that my  
world  
was perfect that day.  
Now you're telling me  
things  
that I don't want to hear,  
things that I thought  
I need never fear.

You'd found someone else  
and loved me no longer.  
I had no chance in hell  
of becoming like her.  
I know in my heart  
what you're doing is wrong  
and I know that you know  
and have known all along.  
I know that you're weak  
and you can't be alone.  
I told myself this  
as I sat by the phone,  
as I waited for hours,  
for you promised you'd call.  
Though I waited all day,  
it hadn't rung at all.  
So perhaps you're not weak,  
perhaps I'm the one.  
Without you I feel  
I am coming undone.

## The Modern Fable

You wanted mayhem.  
You wanted fire.  
You took your drugs  
to take you higher.  
You ruined my life.  
You shattered my hope.  
You'd have killed the  
world to get your dope.  
You thought I was jealous  
because you inhaled.  
But I always achieved  
and you always failed.

While you were thinking  
about your next high,  
I was preparing  
so I could get by.  
Your fate was uncertain.  
My fate is unsure.  
But when you had died,  
I knew I'd endure.  
So now I'm alive  
but now you are dead,  
killed by the bullet you  
shot through your head.



### Sony Theatre in Merrillville

*Gattaca* - 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20  
*The Devil's Advocate* - 2:30, 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00  
*Seven Years in Tibet* - 3:30, 6:40, 9:50  
*In and Out* - 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

### Southlake Mall in Merrillville

*Boogie Nights* - 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
*Switchback* - 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25  
*The Red Corner* - 1:45, 3:10, 4:35, 5:45, 7:10, 8:20, 9:40  
*A Life Less Ordinary* - 7:30, 9:40  
*I Know What You Did Last Summer* - 1:40, 2:50, 4:00,  
5:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:50, 9:50